



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

(RCW 34.05.310)

CR-101 (710/97)

Do **NOT** use for expedited repeal or adoption

Agency: Office of the Insurance Commissioner

Subject of possible rule making: The Plan of Operations of the Washington State Health Insurance Pool (WSHIP) will be considered. The Commissioner will also review the other sections of Chapter 284-91 WAC for inconsistencies with the recently adopted law and the new Plan of Operations.

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(a) Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 48.02.060, 48.41.040, 48.41.170, 48.44.050, and 48.46.200

(b) Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: E2SSB 6067, Chapter 79, Laws of 2000, changed the composition of the board of the Pool and many of the operating procedures. The new board of WSHIP recently revised their Plan of Operation to reflect the changes and submitted the Plan to the Commissioner. The Plan of Operation must be adopted by rule after a public hearing by the Commissioner. The Commissioner will also consider any new changes the board makes to their Plan of Operation. The previous Plan of Operation is codified at WAC 284-91-027. The Commissioner will consider the new Plan of Operation and will review the rest of Chapter 284-91 WAC for inconsistencies with the recent law and the new Plan of Operation.

(c) Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies:
None

(d) Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):

☐ Negotiated rule making

☐ Pilot rule making

☒ Agency study

☒ Other (describe) WSHIP request

Please send any comments regarding this rule to:

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(e) How interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication: (List names, addresses, telephone, fax numbers of persons to contact; describe meetings, other exchanges of information, etc.)

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